

Transit in the Neighborhood:

Safety, Stability, and Satisfaction – Can transit serve neighborhood priorities?

How can transit become your community's favorite amenity?

Across the region, policy-makers and transit advocates are talking about Transit-Oriented Development or "TOD." For many ordinary residents though, if they have heard of TOD at all it has either sounded like policy-wonk jargon or some idealistic concept that may apply in the suburbs, but has no role in their neighborhoods. Most, however, have never heard of TOD or thought about how it might benefit their neighborhood objectives.

Rail~Volution in the Washington Region, a half-day conference especially for Washington region residents, businesses, developers, and community leaders, will focus on the role that transit has - and could have - in addressing their neighborhood priorities. Conference participants from every community in the region will gather to ask how to leverage transit to capture greater community benefits.

Whether concerned about code red (or even purple!) air quality days, commuter traffic running amok through residential streets, strengthening commercial businesses corridors, or preserving precious green spaces, regional transportation issues are often at the heart of the matter. The half-day conference is intended to be a working session for community stakeholders to understand what policy-makers are talking about and draw their own conclusions whether or not TOD is a viable approach to addressing these concerns.

During workshop sessions, small groups will focus on TOD in real places. What is the relevance and impact of the region's growth on the issues that affect your neighborhood: traffic, access to jobs, affordable housing, schools, and safety?

This special conference will be held on the last day of the 8th Annual National Rail~Volution Conference. Local participants can join national attendees at the closing of the national conference from noon-2 pm. The local dialogue will formally kick-off at 2pm and conclude at 5:30 followed by a free reception where participants can find out more about the many development projects underway across the region and meet with the developers and planners in person.

The Capitol Region is facing tough choices about how we will grow. Who will represent your community?

Rail~Volution in the Washington Region

Mini-Conference on Transit and Livable Communities

Sunday, October 6th – noon – 5pm

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Washington, DC

For conference registration, information, and scholarships, go to: www.railvolution.com or call your local conference sponsor, (DRPT) Corey W. Hill at (804) 786-4443.